

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 65
By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mrs. Margaret Smith
Alexander of Decaturville.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Mrs. Margaret Smith Alexander; and

WHEREAS, the first female mayor of Decaturville, Miss Margie was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to her profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, Margie Alexander received a degree in education from Bethel College and was a teacher for 33 years in the Decatur County School System; she also spent two years teaching for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Utah; and

WHEREAS, Miss Margie was a charter member of the Captain Nathaniel A. Wesson Chapter No. 2396 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, serving with acumen as president in 1984. In 1994 she was given the title of Honorary President of General, one of only 14 women to receive such a distinguished honor; and

WHEREAS, she was extremely active in the community, lending her time and numerous talents to index and print *Decatur County Cemetery Records*, and helped to assemble *Bridges From the Past*, a pictorial history of Decatur County; and

WHEREAS, Margie was one of the founders of the Decatur County Historical Society, serving astutely as director and helping to assemble the Society's *Decatur County Family History Book*; and

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WHEREAS, she was a charter member of the Beta Mu Delta Kappa Gamma Chapter, a professional teacher's organization, the V.F.W. Ladies' Auxiliary, and the Daughters of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, Margie Alexander was especially proud of her contributions to education, of which there were many; she was a member of the Decatur County Retired Teachers' Association, a former representative of Decatur County on the Shiloh Regional Library Board and a member of the Friends of the Decatur County Library; and

WHEREAS, Miss Margie also served with pride as a gubernatorial appointee of the Board of Trustees of Western Mental Health Institute and served on the State Arts Commission; and

WHEREAS, she was an active and devout member of the Decaturville First United Methodist Church and a former chairperson of the administrative board; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Margie Alexander leaves behind will be long remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Fred; was the proud parent of one son, Fred Smith Alexander, the husband of Gale Alexander; and grandmother of Shelley Alexander; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mrs. Margaret Smith Alexander, remembering with admiration her exemplary character and many selfless contributions to the Decaturville community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs. Alexander.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.